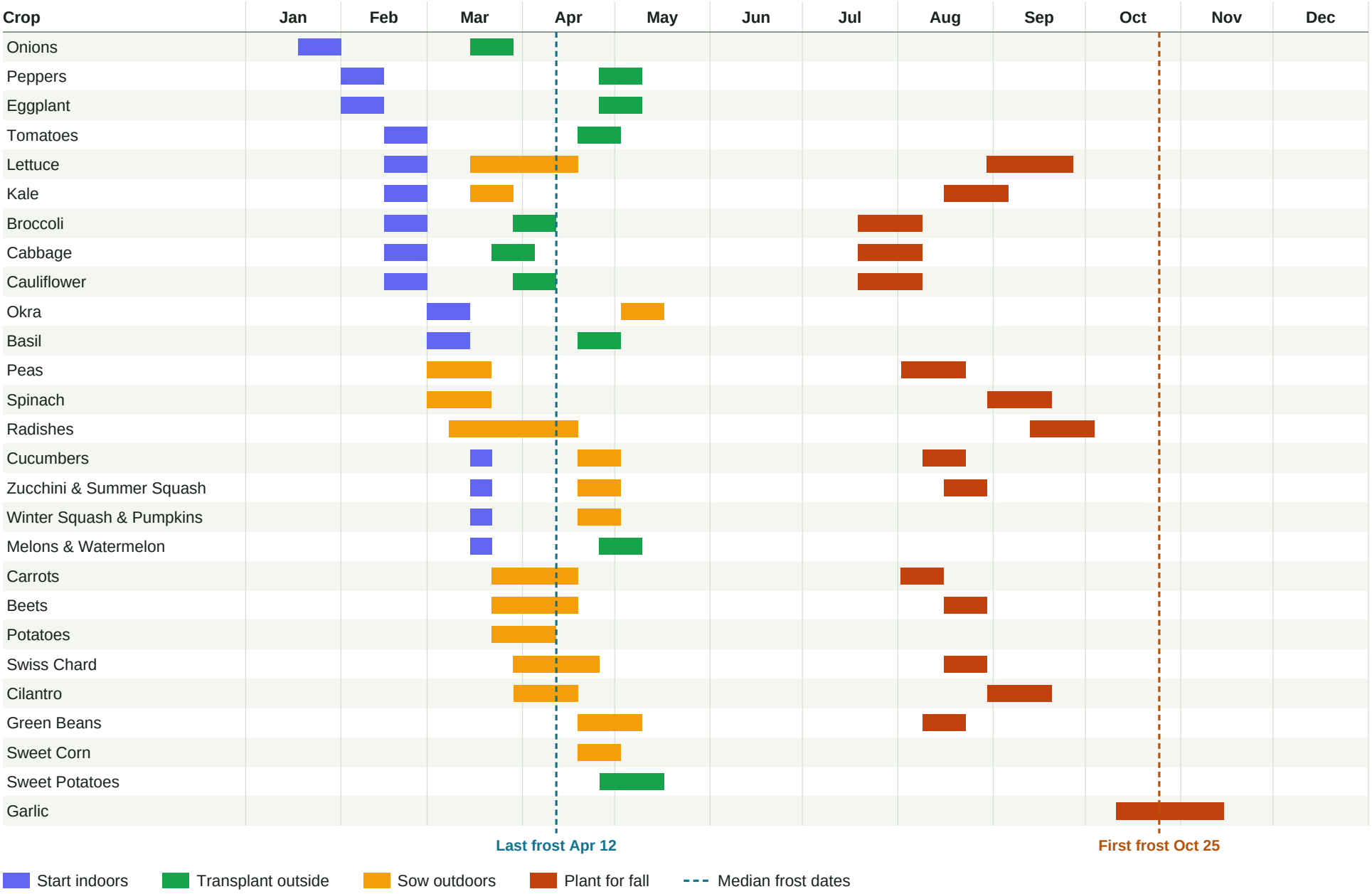
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Jan 18 – Feb 1	Mar 15 – Mar 29	—	—
Peppers	Feb 1 – Feb 15	Apr 26 – May 10	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 1 – Feb 15	Apr 26 – May 10	—	—
Tomatoes	Feb 15 – Mar 1	Apr 19 – May 3	—	—
Lettuce	Feb 15 – Mar 1	Mar 22 – Apr 5	Mar 15 – Apr 19	Aug 30 – Sep 27
Kale	Feb 15 – Mar 1	Mar 15 – Mar 29	Mar 15 – Mar 29	Aug 16 – Sep 6
Broccoli	Feb 15 – Mar 1	Mar 29 – Apr 12	—	Jul 19 – Aug 9
Cabbage	Feb 15 – Mar 1	Mar 22 – Apr 5	—	Jul 19 – Aug 9
Cauliflower	Feb 15 – Mar 1	Mar 29 – Apr 12	—	Jul 19 – Aug 9
Okra	Mar 1 – Mar 15	May 3 – May 17	May 3 – May 17	—
Basil	Mar 1 – Mar 15	Apr 19 – May 3	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 1 – Mar 22	Aug 2 – Aug 23
Spinach	—	—	Mar 1 – Mar 22	Aug 30 – Sep 20
Radishes	—	—	Mar 8 – Apr 19	Sep 13 – Oct 4
Cucumbers	Mar 15 – Mar 22	Apr 26 – May 3	Apr 19 – May 3	Aug 9 – Aug 23
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Mar 15 – Mar 22	—	Apr 19 – May 3	Aug 16 – Aug 30
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Mar 15 – Mar 22	—	Apr 19 – May 3	—
Melons & Watermelon	Mar 15 – Mar 22	Apr 26 – May 10	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Mar 22 – Apr 19	Aug 2 – Aug 16
Beets	—	—	Mar 22 – Apr 19	Aug 16 – Aug 30
Potatoes	—	—	Mar 22 – Apr 12	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Mar 29 – Apr 26	Aug 16 – Aug 30
Cilantro	—	—	Mar 29 – Apr 19	Aug 30 – Sep 20
Green Beans	—	—	Apr 19 – May 10	Aug 9 – Aug 23
Sweet Corn	—	—	Apr 19 – May 3	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	Apr 26 – May 17	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Oct 11 – Nov 15

Wait until after Apr 26 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.